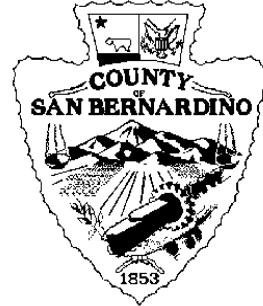


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## From Supervisor Bill Postmus First District, San Bernardino County



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### **HANSBERGER, POSTMUS CHOSEN TO LEAD COUNTY BOARD**

SAN BERNARDINO – San Bernardino County Third District Supervisor Dennis Hansberger of Yucaipa was unanimously elected by his colleagues to serve as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2003-2004. First District Supervisor Bill Postmus of Victorville was unanimously elected to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board.

Hansberger succeeds Fourth District Supervisor Fred Aguiar of Chino as Chairman. Postmus succeeds Hansberger in the office of Vice Chairman.

The County Charter calls for the Board to elect a chairman during its first meeting in January following a general election, and for that chairman to serve a two-year term. In this role, Hansberger will preside over meetings of the Board of Supervisors and act as the Board's general executive agent. Postmus will act in this capacity in the Chairman's absence.

The Charter requires the Board Chairman to "exercise general supervision over the official conduct of all County officers and officers of all districts and other subdivisions of the County charged with the assessment, collection, safekeeping, management, or disbursement of public revenue; also over all County institutions, buildings and property."

Prior to his current term on the Board of Supervisors, which began with his re-election in 2000, Chairman Hansberger served a four-year term that began in 1996. Previously, Hansberger served on the Board from 1972 to 1980. He served as Chairman of the Board in 1975-1976.

Hansberger presented Aguiar with a plaque and thanked him for "the leadership he has provided over the last couple of years during extremely difficult times." Aguiar presided

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over many of the County's efforts to unravel prior county management policies and practices that allowed corruption to occur. Hansberger credited Aguiar for leading efforts to implement new county purchasing and contracting policies and ethical standards as well as fostering a "More positive attitude and atmosphere" in County government.

Postmus was elected to the Board of Supervisors in November 2000. He is the first Supervisor from the First District to serve in a leadership position on the Board since former Supervisor Marsha Turoci served as Chair from 1993-1994.

"I would like to commend Supervisor Aguiar for leading this County through some very difficult and critical times," Postmus said, "and I'm looking forward to working with Chairman Hansberger to help continue our efforts to reform county government and provide the best possible service to the public."

In addition to his Vice Chairmanship, Postmus also serves as President of the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG—the County's transportation commission) and is Chairman of First 5 San Bernardino, also known as the Children and Families Commission of San Bernardino County—the commission that oversees distribution of Proposition 10 tobacco tax proceeds in the County.